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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-11 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-12 as originally filed

Drawings, Figures

1-3 as originally filed

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 1-12 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | |
| | No: Claims | 1-12 |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-12 |
| | No: Claims | |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 00/48957 A (OWENS CORNING; CAMPBELL, LES, E; VICKERY, ERIC, L)
24 August 2000 (2000-08-24)
D2: US-A-5 056 426 (WARYCH ET AL) 15 October 1991 (1991-10-15)

1. Novelty

D1 discloses a composition comprising glass fibers compatibilized by an maleic acid or anhydride modified polypropylene and furthermore containing a fatty acid nucleating agent. No mention is made of the presence of a phthalocyanine nucleating agent,

D2 discloses the use of a phthalocyanine as nucleating agent in an unreinforced polypropylene composition.

No mention is made of the further presence of glass fibres and compatibilizers.

Due to the above mentioned differences, the present claims can be considered as being novel.

2. Inventive step

The distinguishing feature between claims 1-12 of the present application and D1, which is considered to represent the closest prior art, is the use of a specific nucleating agent (phthalocyanine).

There is however no technical effect which results due to this distinguishing feature (although the examples in the description show comparative tests of phthalocyanine and sodium benzoate, the amounts used of those nucleating agents are not comparable, in other words the effects shown by replacing the sodium benzoate by the phthalocyanine

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according to the present application could have been the result of a higher sodium benzoate amount; it is furthermore noted that the cited disadvantages of sodium benzoate, description pages 1-2, could have also led to the effects visible in the comparative examples, higher concentration leads to lower strength; for a fair comparison equal amounts of nucleating agents should be used).

The objective technical problem of the present application is therefore the preparation of a further moulding composition.

A skilled person confronted with this problem would therefore obviously also replace the nucleating agent as disclosed in D1 by a phthalocyanine, since these compounds are known as nucleating agents from D2.

Such a replacement would not involve an inventive step, consequently claims 1-12 of the present application lack an inventive step.